

A TRUE  
RELATION  
OF THE  
EXECUTION  
OF  
Mr. John GROVES, and Mr. William IRELAND,  
ACT  
TYBURN

On Friday the 24th of January. 1679.

Who received Sentence of Death at a Commission  
of Oyer and Terminer held at the Old-Baly on the  
16th day of December 1678. where they were Con-  
demned of HIGH TREASON, and Sen-  
tenced To be Draw'd, Hang'd and Quarter'd, &c.

With the manner of their Behaviour in Newgate  
after Condemnation, and their deportment at the place  
of EXECUTION.

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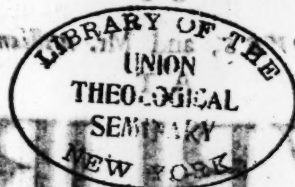
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# RELATION OF THE EXECUTION



# TYBURN

On Friday the 24th of January 1870.

Who received sentence of Death as a Commission  
of Oyer and Tenour held at the Old Bailey on the  
14th day of December 1868 when they were Con-  
demned of HIGH TREASON, and sen-  
tenced to be hanged, drawn and quartered.

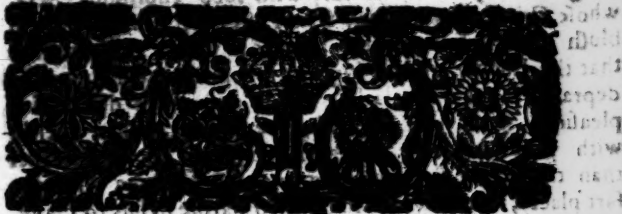
With the manner of their behaviour in Prison  
after Condemnation, and their deposition at the place  
of EXECUTION.

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# SPEECHES AND CONFESSIONS

Of the 2 Prisoners who were executed at

# TYBURN

On Friday the 24th of this Instant January

**I**T is almost beyond the serious capacities of Humane Reason to imagin with what gross impieties this Age abounds, that Man, the noblest of all the Creations, should so basely degenerate and make himself vile than the rest of his Fellow-creatures; defacing

that Celestial Form, which Heaven stamped as an especial  
 Badg of its peculiar favour, with such enormous Acts,  
 whose Crimson names may stain Posterity, and make them  
 blush at their Fore-fathers Crimes; yet in consideration  
 that the Enemy of Mankind is so vigilant to indulge the  
 depraved Soul with darling sins, and make destruction  
 pleasing, what will not desperate minds, when swell'd  
 with proud aspiring thoughts, contrive far more cruel  
 than the raging Salvages that sweep at will the wild de-  
 sert places, for they, when satisfied nature desists to crave,  
 and griping hunger is allayed, forget their fury, and are  
 still; but Man, that insatiable Animal, more greedy of  
 his Prey, pursues a pace when ruin waits his steps, and  
 never views the hidden snare till tangled in destruction, al-  
 though endued with all the Bounties his nature could be  
 capable of. Yet that sufficeth not, ambition knows no  
 bounds, although it weave its Top among the Clouds, and  
 crush the lowly Shrubs to dust, it will not satisfy; some  
 Neighbouring Cedar drops upon his Boughs, it still must  
 tower aloft, the Hills that shroud its Prospect must re-  
 move, and gusty VVinds, that shake his hopes be still; for  
 the ambitious man when greatness stands before his Eyes,  
 and thoughts of Honour whispers in his Ears, regards  
 not in what Path he treads, nor by what means attains  
 his wish; Murders and Treasons, Massacres, and all the  
 horrid Plots that Hell can prompt him to, are dressed in  
 pious shapes, and gilded over in Religious Guise to shroud  
 his Guilt, and keep his starting Conscience back: which  
 may be fully seen in these Examples: which I suppose my  
 impartial Reader cannot be ignorant of, seeing the wicked  
 Conspiracies of evil men have cryed so loud, that  
 doubtless they have allarm'd the utmost Corners of our  
 peaceful Land; nay, more to be admired, Men that  
 lived in so good a Government, under so just a Prince,  
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that ~~the~~ the instigation of Transmarine malicious Men (who doubtless were to some of them almost, if not altogether unknown) shou'd embroil themselves, to once combine, in the ruin of a peaceful Kingdom, to lay her Glories in the Dust, and with innocent Blood b-dew their Native Soil, or like Monsters in the species of Humane Form, they could once dream of a Treasonable thought against his Sacred Person, whose Goodness and Mercy are the very Guides of his awful Power and Righteousness; the noble Center of his Heroick Soul: But when we consider the Enemy of our happiness goes about like a roaring Lyon to seek what place he may devour, and how he daily stirs up evil men, the fatal Instruments, whereby his mallice works and forms the Hellish Architect, so pleasing to his will, as it is too often seen by their raising private Animosities, Intestine, Domestick and Clandestine Tumults, seditious Treasons, Massacres, and black Conspiracies, secret Murders, and contagious Tribulations, these are the Tares he sows among the VVheat, and hopes by these to root it out. But doubtless the great Lord of the Harvest, who is a Rock of Salvation, and a shield to all that rely upon him for help, will anticipate the desperate Consequences, and destroy them in his Fury; as we may see his saving health manifested in the late and miraculous discoveries, when all the conspiring Sycophants of darkness had so secretly placed their destructive Nets, like *Nimrod* so hunt for innocent Blood; he remembered his Mercy, and delayed not to save us by his mighty power, crushing our Adversaries with the hand of his inevitable Justice, whereof some have already been exemplary Trophies of his high displeasure; and these, whose deserved Executions I now intend to treat of, are not the least in mischief among

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among that rebellious number whose names  
lowest

The first Mr. Ireland, the second Mr. Grose, Men  
who had formerly deem'd themselves to outward ap-  
pearance so well as to gain the applause of many sober  
and discreet persons; but as the heart is deceitful so  
it often deceives others; therefore the great Lord of  
Souls, who knows the secret thoughts, forewarns us to  
beware of Wolves in Sheep clothing, for these Men  
being either incited by the usurping Tyrant of Rome  
and swell'd with false hopes of vast possessions in some  
unknown World, and over and above to be Sainted  
here on Earth, or bribed by the more wealthy of that  
Faction, or else by their own envious inclination to the  
hurt of our established Government, or whatsoever it  
was, Heaven best knoweth; but their Trayterous de-  
signs being nipp'd in their early Bloom, and the Plot  
most happily discovered, they were apprehended and  
sent to the County Goal of Newgate to attend their  
Tryals, the which, after some time come to pass, a  
Sessions being called for the same purpose upon Tuesday  
the seventeenth of December; where, being brought to  
the Bar, there were many credible Circumstances al-  
leged against, and several Proofs so undeniably made  
out, too tedious here to recite, that they held Corres-  
pondence with Foreign Plotters against the life of his  
most Sacred Majesty, and for the subverting the true  
Protestant Religion now established, for which Crimes  
they received Sentence of Death accordingly; first  
that they should return to the place from whence they  
came, and from thence to be drawn upon a Sledge to  
the place of Execution, there to be half strangled,  
then cut down, and their Quarters to be disposed of as

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his Majesty pleases; the which, after a long time of grace  
to repent of their Enormities and wicked lives, was  
put in Execution.

This Morning being *Friday*, the twenty fifth of this  
present *January*, they were strongly guarded by the  
Sheriffs, men, Constables, and others, and followed  
by innumerable multitudes of people, they came to the  
place of Execution, aforesaid, where, although before  
they were to resolve, yet at the unavoidable approach  
of death, their daring spirits staggered, nor could they  
longer brave it, although in their heat of Zeal they  
thought of themselves invincible, able to burn Palaces,  
rubble Monarchs down, depopulate Cities; and King-  
doms in dust, but when they found themselves but  
frail men, and were mistaken in their strength.

They were drawn with four dark coloured Horses,  
the Sledge being red, they being attired in Campaign  
Coats, one of Frieze, the other of Camblet, one with  
a Cravat Neck-Cloth, the other with a plain Cravat,  
their Hats white, with Black tufted Hatbands, having  
large Books in their hands, being both tall swarthy men,  
wellshaped, and accomplish'd with the perfections of  
Nature, and often seem'd to elivate their Countenances,  
and shew tokens of true contrition for their Enormities.

At the place of Execution they made many secret  
Prayers to themselves with unusual Ejaculations, pulling  
their Caps over their Eyes, the Executioner did his office.  
One of them was Executed with a Crucifex about  
his Neck; their Quarters were returned to an Inn in  
St. Giles's.

And now I hope all people will take warning by their  
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ful, though well deserved, Fate, and not be seduced with fallacies to imbroil their Lives and Reputations with Shame and Ignominy, when they may live peaceably and quietly under the protection of a good and virtuous Prince, whose chief desire is to promote the good and interest of his loving subjects; but let all envious and ill disposed men beware, for why, no tempting bribe can buy the impartial hand of Justice, and when he finds them out, let all Remember death comes winged, and gaily terrours sit like Winter storms upon his froward brow, to scattle the presumptuous wretch, who in his prosperous days will dream of no such harmes, but sure it is, and far more vile, when miserable man invites him to the Combate, and is himself the cause of his untimely and disgraceful end; the serious Thought of which might surely strike him with Remorse, and make him know himself, how that he is but dust, which, in the height of all his towering arrogance, might put a stop to his Carreer of sin, and make him then more mindful of his ways.

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